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Colonoscopy Prep for Patients on Dialysis

If you have any questions or are unsure of anything please contact the physician that manages your kidney disease.

Prior to your procedure, confirm that you can safely stop taking blood thinners (Coumadin, Plavix, Xarelto, Pradaxa, Eliquis) before your procedure.

Be certain that you take all heart and high blood pressure medication on the morning of the procedure (with a sip of water).

If you have a history of asthma or breathing problems, please use any inhalers as prescribed as well.

For diabetic patients, please follow the diabetic instruction sheet and **contact your doctor that manages your diabetes for the instructions regarding adjustment of your diabetes medication.**

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

1) **CLEAR LIQUID DIET:** It is essential that you drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration. You should plan on drinking at least 6-8 glasses of water on the day before your procedure. Any liquids you can see through are acceptable (i.e., water, fruit juice without pulp, tea, black coffee, clear broth/bouillon, ginger ale, lemon-lime soda, lemonade, Gatorade/sports drink, Jell-O). You may not have any soft/solid food or any milk/dairy products. Do not drink any red or purple liquids. In addition, please do not take any fiber products (i.e. Citrucel, Benefiber or Metamucil).

2) **GOLYTE/TRILYTE:** Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of Golyte/Trilyte with cold water and place in refrigerator.

3) **GOLYTE/TRILYTE:** Start to drink the Golyte/Trilyte around 12pm. Drink $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon over the next 4-6 hours. **Do not drink more than $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon.** It helps to drink the laxative solution when it is cold/over ice and through a straw as well. If you feel nauseated or bloated, wait 30 minutes then resume with smaller amounts each time.

4) **DULCOLAX:** Take 3 tablets at 2pm with 8 ounces of water

5) You may continue to drink clear liquids until bedtime.

DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING AFTER MIDNIGHT

ON THE DAY OF THE EXAMINATION

DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING ON THE MORNING OF THE EXAM

It is okay to take your morning medications (blood pressure and heart medications) with a sip of water.

If you are unsure about which medications are okay to take, please check with our office.

Because you received sedation, you cannot be discharged after the procedure unaccompanied, **an adult companion must be present to bring you home. If you do not have a companion, your procedure will be cancelled.**